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New York, New York
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO JULY 3, 2002 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This responds to the July 3, 2002 Final Office Action. Applicants and the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for her time and assistance during the interview conducted at the Patent Office on October 8, 2002. In light of the discussions at the interview, applicants request entry of various claim amendments.

A petition for a one-month extension of time is filed herewith. With the extension, this Response is due by November 4, 2002 (November 3 being a Sunday).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 26, 32, 46, and 52-54 as indicated below.¹

¹ An Appendix of Amendments is attached herewith, highlighting the amendments with brackets (deletions) and underlines (additions).

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